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REMEMBRANCES

OF

ROD KAIN

FROM:
KEN AND CAROLYN (STUMP) OLSON
AND
DIANNA (STUMP) HUTSON

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ROD KAIN AND THE BOY NEXT DOOR

One of Harold's oldest and dearest friends was Rod Kain, a neighbor and friend whose story with Harold at his side extended almost from the time they were born. Although Rod was eight years younger than Harold, the two boys growing up on Seventh Street in Auburn, Indiana forged a lifetime bond which extended throughout Harold's life and into the lives of Harold's wife, Letha, and daughters, Carolyn and Dianna, as they pursued their lives after the Judge's death.

Upon talking with Rod about Harold, one of Rod's most vivid memories is of Harold lifting him up to play on the monkeybars at the local school, an event that was memorable to Rod because of his small stature compared to his older mentor and friend. As Rod and Harold matured, their bonds continued to remain immutable as Rod visited Harold and his wife, Eleanor, during the War Years of World War II when Harold and Eleanor lived in New York City and Rod himself was in the Navy. Upon returning from a tour of duty in the Pacific, Rod, like Harold, took up residence in the town of their youth, and both men started families and responsibly shouldered the tasks of providing for the future. Rod's wife, Mary Lou, vividly remembers being escorted by Walter D. Stump, Harold's father, to a murder trial which Judge Walter D. was hearing at the local courthouse, and even though Mary Lou was pregnant with the couple's first child, Linda, Mary Lou eagerly joined the judge each morning when he picked her up in his car.

When Rod's four children were born, telephone calls to Harold were always made announcing the blessed events, and Harold was without fail extremely proud that Rod had added to the population offspring whom Harold knew would be unfailingly polite and gracious, two qualities which he knew that they would learn at the knees of Rod and his wife, Mary Lou. When Rod's only sister, Patti, died in the early sixties, Harold and Rod together considered a strategy which might allow them to adopt Patti's six children and allow the children to thrive in a wholesome environment. Harold and Rod's honorable intentions were never acted upon because of an improved life situation for the children in their own home, an outcome which greatly pleased Rod and Harold as they anticipated a productive future for all of Patti's children. The joint venture of always caring for each other's families was a natural event for both Rod and for Harold as both men could not have cared for one another more than if they had been born into the same family.

When Harold retired, Rod was a frequent visitor to the Stump home, and he and Harold would retire to Harold's den where they would visit and reminisce as old friends are wont to do. After Harold's health grew so frail as to make his passing inevitable, Rod was proactive in his protectiveness of Letha and of Harold's daughters, even being prepared to shelter and shepherd the grieving family through the trials and tribulations of extended family members who wanted to take advantage of Harold's absence from the scene. When Harold's widow, Letha, grew

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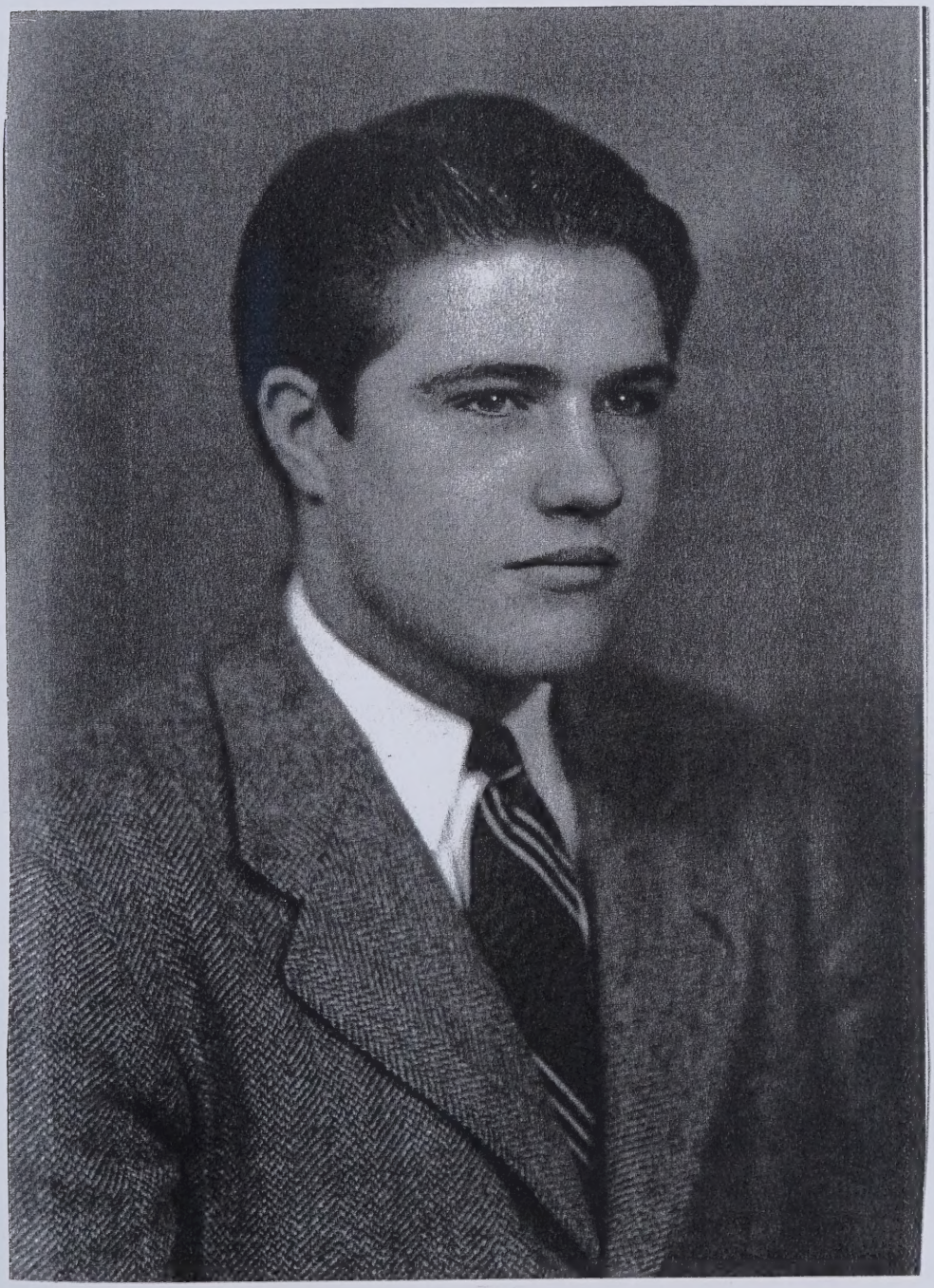
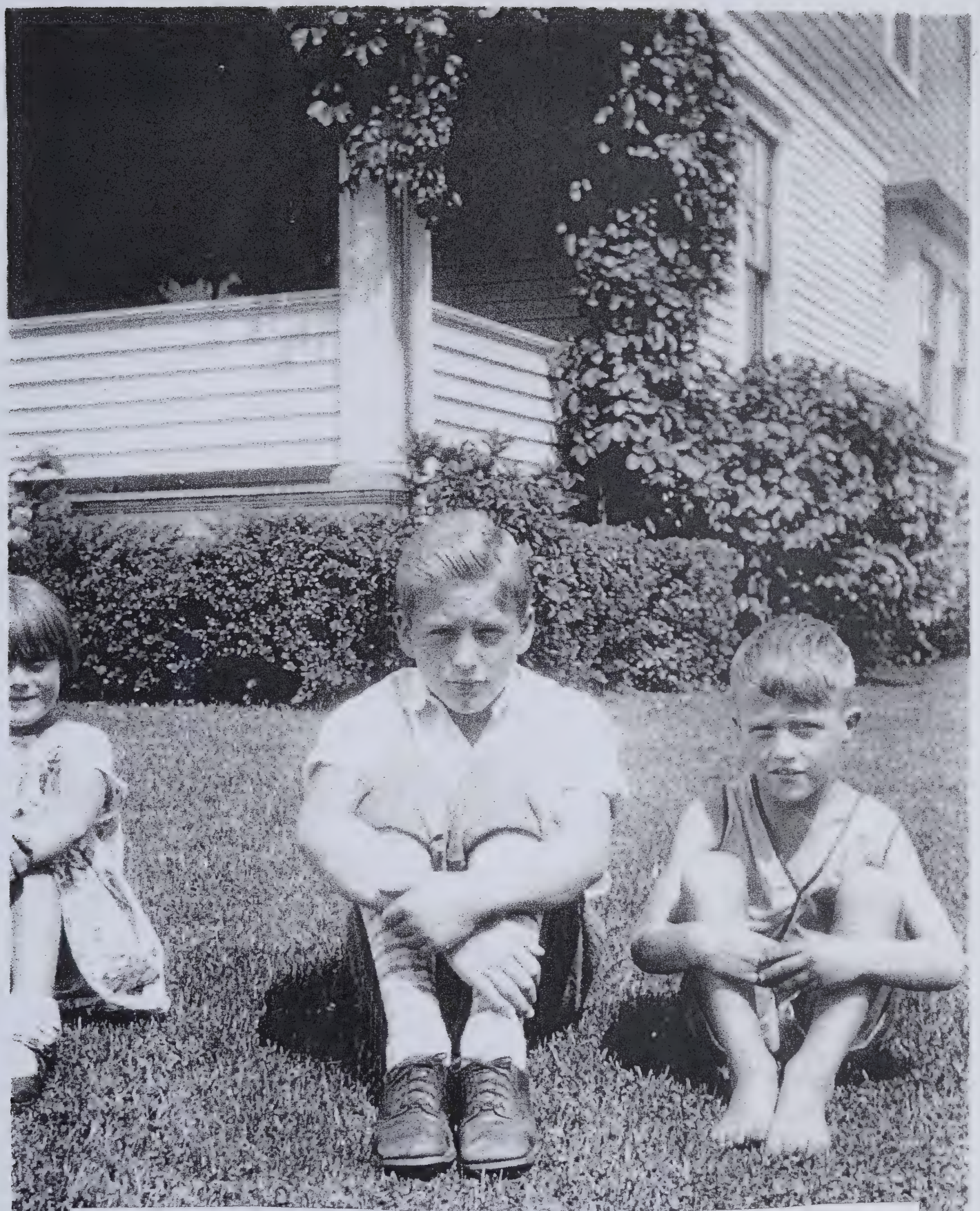
unable to manage her own affairs and to understand the workings of her estate, Mary Lou Kain became Letha's Power of Attorney and trusted friend who provided wise counsel and emotional support to Letha's daughter, Dianna, in the days leading up to Letha's death in February of 1998.

Rod has continued to be a trusted friend as he and Mary Lou join Carolyn and Ken for dinner on occasion, and the companionship of Harold's oldest friend has been comforting for the Stump family as Rod and his family provide continuity in the lives of both Carolyn and Dianna.....Harold would be so pleased that his dearest friend, Rod, who was a man for all seasons throughout his own life still today maintains those bonds through his loving concern for Harold's family.



ROD KAIN: 1930'S



SEVENTH STREET BUDDIES: HAROLD AND ROD KAIN; PATTI KAIN IS ON THE LEFT: 1920'S

BOTTOM ROW: CHILD OF MAYNARD BUCKLES (WALTER STUMP'S BEST FRIEND), ROD KAIN, PATTI KAIN,
MIDDLE ROW: WALTER D. STUMP (HAROLD'S FATHER) CLEMENTINE STUMP (HAROLD'S MOTHER), BETTY BUCKLES (WIFE OF MAYNARD)
TOP ROW: HAROLD D. STUMP IN MIDDLE OF BUCKLES' CHILDREN

ROD KAIN: THE WAR YEARS

BRIEF HISTORY OF CALVIN KAIN MEMORIAL SERVICE

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The Calvin Kain Memorial Service is patterned after a ceremony observed by pilots during World War I. When a pilot failed to return from a mission by midnight, he was presumed "Killed in Action."

Those pilots that had returned safely gathered in the wardroom at midnight and drank a toast to the missing pilot, smashing their glasses in the fireplace and immediately proceeding to their quarters to retire for the night.

Calvin Kain was a Voyageur of Voiture Locale 642 du Indiana, who was a very active Legionnaire and Voyageur. He passed away at 3:10 AM in the hospital in Auburn, Indiana, on May 29, 1939, from heart failure, following an illness of several weeks.

His body was prepared for burial and returned to his home for viewing; not an uncommon practice before the advent of the modern funeral-home viewings and services. A contingent of Legionnaires and Voyageurs maintained a vigil with the body during the evening.

Kain had been County Surveyor for 16 years, active in community affairs including the Chamber of Commerce. He was a Past Commander of DeKalb American Legion Post 97, and had been a Voyageur for 15 years, so it was not surprising that a number of friends and community leaders paid their respects during the evening viewing.

As the hour approached mid-night, the Voyageurs of Voiture Locale 642, together with visiting Voyageurs and Legionnaires, formed into two files, and approached either side of the casket. There, small glasses of wine were filled and after the Aumonier and Chef de Gare offered brief impromtu remarks, they drank a final toast in memory of Calvin Kain and all their departed comrades.

As the group quietly departed Kain's home, someone suggested that they had just concluded what was probably the very first memorial service conducted that day ... Memorial Day, 1939.

During the Promenade Nationale, September 25, 1939, Grande Voiture du Indiana introduced a resolution proposing that La Societe officially adopt the practice of regularly conducting a memorial service dedicated to the memory of our departed comrades at the first moment of Memorial Day each year' and that it be called the CALVIN KAIN MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The resolution passed during Promenade Nationale 939, but for some unknown reason, was not reported as a art of the proceedings. Therefore the same resolution as presented again during 1940's Promenade Nationale nd was again approved. The ceremony was formalized ith approved Ritual Text and instructions and has been part of our heritage since 1940.

Calvin was born October 21, 1888, at Summitt, IN, a on of Jesse and Mary Kain. The family moved to lewville township, where Calvin was graduated from St. oe public school. Subsequently he took a course in

engineering at Tri-State college at Angola and for a number of years was employed in engineering projects in various parts of the country.

His first work in the office of DeKalb County Surveyor was that of Deputy Surveyor. Kain resigned that office to enlist in the Army during World War I on November 13, 1917.

Kain served in Company C, 25th Army Engineers, as a Sergeant First Class, in France. He received his discharge on June 6, 1919.

He joined the American Legion in January, 1923 and petitioned for membership in La Societe on August 8, 1924.

We hope that all Grande Voitures will make an effort to conduct the Calvin Kain Memorial Service next year (1988-May), in order to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the first Calvin Kain Service.

AT THE AUBURN, INDIANA JUNCTION: WALTER D. STUMP, FAR LEFT…CALVIN KAIN, FOURTH FROM LEFT

Roger Kain

AUBURN — Roger L. Kain, 84, of Auburn died Thursday, June 10, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mr. Kain

Mr. Kain was a salesman for R.P. Wakefield Co. in Waterloo, retiring in 2005.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy serving in the South Pacific during World War II.

He served four years on the DeKalb County Council and was a DeKalb Circuit Court bailiff for four years.

He was a member of the St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn. He was a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn and was a charter member of the Auburn Elks.

He was born Oct. 1, 1925, in Auburn to Calvin C. and Mabel (Guthrie) Kain. He married Mary Lu Widney on Feb. 3, 1951, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Robert Kuntz of Auburn, Susan and Thomas Guyre of Crown Point and Mary Ann and Steven Hathaway of Garrett; one son, Thomas Kain of Waterloo; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Patricia McDarby.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Marks Lutheran Church, 211 West Ninth St., Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating.

A private family committal service will be held at Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Marks Lutheran Church.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

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